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In re Patent Application of:

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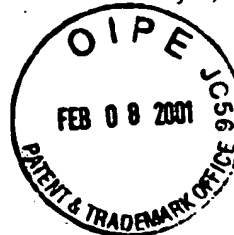
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MIXING SOUND SIGNALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:

- ☒ Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone OR
- ☐ Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings.
- ☒ **NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED** form.
- ☒ Record and return the attached assignments.
- ☐ Priority is hereby claimed per Rule 55 & 35 USC119 based on prior foreign application(s) Nos.:
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respectively.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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respectively and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

Certified copy(ies) of foreign and/or provisional application(s): ☐ attached; ☐ already filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
in U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ The undersigned verifies that the above-identified application is identical to: filed \_\_\_\_\_, as amended on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ This application is entitled to "Small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
- ☐ Also attached:

**Fees are attached as calculated below:**

|  |                           |      |          |
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| Basic filing fee   |                           | \$   | 710.00   |
| Total Effective claims   | 29 - 20 = 9               | x \$ | 18.00    |
| Independent claims   | 4 - 3 = 1                 | x \$ | 80.00    |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)   |                           | \$   | 0.00     |
|  | <b>FILING FEE</b>         | \$   | 952.00   |
| Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$390.00/2 months; \$890.00/3 months; \$1390.00/4 months) |                           | \$   | 390.00   |
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| Assignment Recording Fee (\$ 40.00 x 2)  |                           | \$   | 80.00    |
|  | <b>TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED</b> | \$   | 1,552.00 |

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$240.
  - \$162 for 9 total claims over 20.
  - \$78 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1060.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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